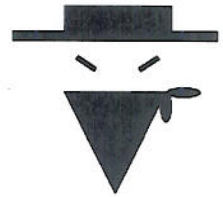




**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, OPERATIONS GROUP  
NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND FORT IRWIN  
FORT IRWIN, CA 92310-5107



4 August 2015

Dear Operations Group Soldier,

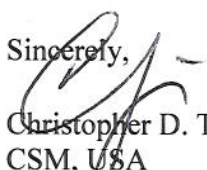
Welcome and congratulations on your selection to serve in Operations Group at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin. We look forward to your arrival. You will find your assignment extremely rewarding, you will help prepare our Army and develop yourself as well.

We know that you will find your experience here both professionally and personally rewarding. Operations Group is an exceptional unit with a proud lineage. Our motto, "Train the Force" is more than just a phrase. Indeed, Operations Group has stood as the trainers who have supported units preparing to deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism and act in the defense of freedom around the world. From the edge of the Goldstone NASA complex to the edge of Death Valley, this group of talented professionals prepares countless units to stand tall when the American People call our military to defend our freedom and way of life. For a glimpse into what exactly we do here at the National Training Center, check out the following link on You Tube: [https://youtu.be/N9xR6\\_L0OuU](https://youtu.be/N9xR6_L0OuU)

Additionally, you will serve in one of the most unique locations in the United States Army. The High Desert offers a myriad of enjoyable historic, recreation, and travel opportunities. We enjoy a superb garrison community support base with a variety of organizations for the education, health, and entertainment of our Families. We are located at a crossroad within a 2 ½ hour drive from Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Diego and many other exciting destinations. While we have a very busy schedule when in rotation, when we do have our time off; it is exactly that...time off. This includes an opportunity leave period every summer and winter.

If you have any questions concerning your assignment or your move, please contact the Operations Group S1 at (706) 380-4275 or email the Operations Group S1 NCOIC, SFC Audrey J. Davis at [audrey.j.davis12.mil@mail.mil](mailto:audrey.j.davis12.mil@mail.mil) and we will ensure you and your Family have a sponsor to help you transition. We wish you safe travels and look forward to meeting you and your Family soon. Train the Force!

Sincerely,

  
Christopher D. Tipton  
CSM, USA  
Command Sergeant Major

Sincerely,

  
David A. Lesperance  
COL, AR  
Commanding



Hello and Welcome,

Hi, I am SFC Audrey Davis, the Operations Group S-1 NCOIC and I want to inform you that a team sponsor will make contact to assist you and your family with your move to Fort Irwin shortly. In the meantime, below is some information to help you get started and to provide you with information about your new duty station. Please let me know if you would prefer a hard copy of our sponsor packet.

Fort Irwin is located approximately 37 miles northeast of Barstow California, midway between Las Vegas, Nevada and Los Angeles, California. Click [here](#) to see exactly where we're located.

You can find just about everything you'll need located on our [Fort Irwin Homepage](#) and even current happenings on our [Facebook](#) page! But first things first, take a quick minute to watch this short [video](#) which may answer some questions before you even get started!

Here you can print a copy of the [Fort Irwin Installation Map](#) for your convenience and a copy of the most current [Community Resource Guide](#).

Below you will find additional arrival information and commonly searched links. Once again, welcome and we'll see you soon!

Very Respectfully,  
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## NOTES

### Airport Information

Arriving by Air – The nearest airports are located in Ontario, CA (120 miles), Los Angeles, CA (175 miles) and Las Vegas, NV (180 miles). You can call the Replacement Detachment prior to your arrival to obtain detailed information about the best mode of transportation between servicing airports and Fort Irwin. You can contact AG Replacement Detachment at 760-380-4747/3006 or DSN 312-470-4747/3006.

Soldiers arriving to [Ontario Airport, CA](#) must take a taxi to the Claremont Greyhound Station and from there take the Greyhound Bus to the Barstow Greyhound Station. Most of the airport taxis DO NOT accept credit cards so be prepared to pay with cash. The average cost for a one way-trip is \$25 - \$30. Once you arrive to the Barstow Greyhound Terminal, call the NTC and Fort Irwin Replacement detachment and they will pick you up. Remember to retain your receipts for Finance.

Claremont Greyhound Bus Terminal  
888 S. Indian Hills Blvd  
Claremont, CA 91711  
Main Phone #: (909) 624-4564

Soldiers arriving to [Los Angeles Airport, CA \(LAX\)](#) must take the taxi to the Los Angeles Greyhound Bus Terminal and then take the Greyhound to Barstow. Upon arrival to the Barstow Greyhound Station, contact the NTC & Ft. Irwin Replacement detachment for pick-up and transportation to Fort Irwin.

Los Angeles Greyhound Bus Terminal:  
1716 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90021  
Main Phone #: (213) 629-8401

Soldiers arriving to [Las Vegas, NV \(LAS\) Airport](#) must take the taxi to the Las Vegas Greyhound Bus Terminal and then take the Greyhound to Barstow, CA. Upon arrival to the Barstow Greyhound Station, contact the NTC & Ft. Irwin Replacement detachment for pick-up and transportation to Fort Irwin.

Las Vegas Greyhound Bus Terminal:  
200 S. Main Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
Main Phone #: (702) 384-9561

[Greyhound Bus Schedule](#)

**TAXI SERVICE FROM ONTARIO, LAS VEGAS AND LOS ANGELES AIRPORTS TO BARSTOW AND IRWIN WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED. REIMBURSEMENT IS LIMITED TO COST EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION (BUS) AS STATED ABOVE.**

### Driving Directions

Arriving by POV from the Ontario/Los Angeles area:  
Take the I-15 North and exit on Fort Irwin Road. Turn left and drive for approximately 31 miles to the main gate. Once you come through the gate, continue straight to Langford Lake Road (1st Light). Take a left on Langford Lake Road, continue straight until you reach E Ave. (past one Stop Sign only) Turn right onto E Ave, Turn into Parking Lot next to Clothing Sales. The NTC & Ft. Irwin Replacement Detachment is the building next to Starbucks.

From the Las Vegas area:  
Take the I-15 South, exit Fort Irwin Road. Turn right and drive for approximately 31 miles to the main gate. Once you come through the gate, continue straight to Langford Lake Road (1st Light). Take a left on Langford Lake Road, continue straight until you reach E Ave. (past one Stop Sign only) Turn right onto E Ave, Turn into Parking Lot next to Clothing Sales. The NTC & Ft. Irwin Replacement Detachment is the building next to Starbucks.

### On-Post Lodging

[The Landmark Inn](#) (760) 386-4040 is located on the installation and is the only hotel within 35 miles of Fort Irwin. The Landmark has a total of 180 rooms including suites and handicap rooms. All rooms include a refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, and free wireless internet access. The hotel has a 24 hour business center with two computers and a printer for guest use. There is a guest laundry facility that is open 24 hours a day and the newly renovated courtyard has a large BBQ area, sound system and a playground for children. For indoor relaxation, they offer a large living room area off the main lobby with intimate seating and a 52" plasma television, with a full satellite package and DVD player.

Lodging will be paid out-of-pocket. After the first 10 days a claim can be filed for the Temporary Lodging Entitlement reimbursement. After 10 days the BAH will be your only allowance received for lodging.

Billeting: Unaccompanied E-5 and below will stay in barracks provided by the NTC & Ft. Irwin Replacement Detachment until they complete the five day in-processing. It is highly recommended that SSGs and above, and/or accompanied Soldiers make temporary housing arrangements as soon as PCS orders are received or prior to departing their losing unit. The Landmark Inn is the only on-post lodging facility and can be reached at 760-386-4040.

### Temporary Lodging Expense Information

Please click [here](#) to answer all of your TLE questions





## The Villages at Fort Irwin Housing Office

Housing Office  
4553 Tippecanoe  
Fort Irwin, CA 92310

Housing Assistance: 888-419-6499

Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 8am – 5pm

For Family Housing Qualifications click [here](#)

## In-Processing Information

Your 5 day in-processing will include verification of assignment and pinpoint orders, personnel, finance, medical records screening, ID Cards/DEERS, post vehicle registration, dental screening, ACS, Youth Services, and transportation. Every Wednesday is a Mandatory In-Processing Brief for all

For more military in-processing information click [here](#).

Better Opportunities for Unaccompanied Soldiers ([BOSS](#)) Program

## NOTES

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